

1976

January 15, 1976

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday, January 15, 1976 at 4:30 p.m.

After a short social hour attended by the Board members and the staff of the library, Mr. Cofer called the meeting to order.

Present were: Clarke County, H.L. Cofer, Jr., Porter Kellam, Archie Patterson, Mrs. John J. Wilkins III, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, and W.W. Wier. Newly appointed members attending were Mrs. James Newland, Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Farris Johnson and Dr. Mervin Reines. Oglethorpe County, Mrs. Emmett Cabaniss, Mrs. W.W. Moore and Miss Frances Durham. Madison County, Mrs. Calvin Langford and Mrs. Hiram Whitehead. Franklin County, Mrs. Ernest Vandiver. No representative was present from Oconee County. Also present were Miss Ann Buxton, bookmobile librarian, and Sarah Maret.

Mr. Cofer welcomed the members and gave special welcome to the new members and introduced them.

Miss Ann Buxton, in charge of the bookmobile serving Clarke, Oconee, Oglethorpe and Madison Counties, was introduced. She gave an interesting report on the work of the bookmobile in the counties she serves. She called attention to the various types of service given as well as the different kinds of people visited.

Mr. Cofer thanked Miss Buxton for her good work and the report on the bookmobile. He said the bookmobile was one of the best advertisements the library has to offer.

Mr. Cofer called on Mrs. Mendenhall, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, for a report. Mrs. Mendenhall read a letter from Mr. Patterson asking that he be relieved as chairman of the board, but stating that he would be willing to serve as vice chairman. Mrs. Mendenhall moved that Mr. Kellam be elected as chairman of the board and that Mr. Patterson be elected as vice chairman. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Langford and carried.

Mr. Patterson explained why he felt it best that he not serve as chairman. Mr. Cofer expressed regrets that Mr. Patterson could not serve as chairman, but that he appreciated his willingness to serve as vice chairman. He thanked Mr. Kellam for his agreeing to serve as chairman..

Mrs. Mendenhall expressed appreciation to the new board members for accepting appointments to the board.

Minutes of the October 30, 1975 meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Cofer called for reports from the counties represented. As Mrs. Ivy, Oconee County, had been unable to attend, Miss Maret reported for her. She reported that the new building was well underway and that the order for furniture was to be placed soon. Landscaping plans and paving plans are being worked on.

Mrs. Langford reported for Madison County. She said she would like for the board to meet in their library in Madison County. After some discussion it was decided that the next meeting which is to be held on April 15 would meet in Madison County. Time of meeting was discussed and it was felt that 3:30 p.m. would suit most members. It was suggested that the local librarian in Madison County Library be invited to make a report on the library.

Miss Maret reported that Mrs. Salas, the Talking Book Director, was attending a meeting in Jacksonville, Fla. She said Mrs. Salas has been very active in promoting the program and had a number of readers.

Mrs. Cabaniss, reporting for Oglethorpe County, said that Mrs. Alice Paul, Oglethorpe County librarian, was featured in this week's Oglethorpe Echo and is doing a fine job in the library.

Mrs. Vandiver reported for Franklin County. She noted that the Lavonia Library had ordered a card catalog cabinet, the money having been raised to pay for it by projects promoted by the Woman's Club and other interested groups. A tea held in December in memory of Mrs. Mary Purcell, sister of board member, Mrs. Emmett Cabaniss, had been well attended and that a portrait of Mrs. Purcell had been presented to the library.

Miss Maret reported that Mrs. Laura Ludwig had been employed full time for two months in the library to take the place of Mrs. Kathy Ames who was on maternity leave.

Mr. Cofer reported that the Executive Board approved the purchase of a Visualtek closed circuit T.V. system which magnifies print, diagrams, pictures etc. up to sixty times their size for the Talking Book Center. The University service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega is to pay for the machine as they have taken this as their project for the year. A check for \$200.00 has been given for the down payment. The balance will be paid from proceeds from the contest The Beauty and the Beast in April. Mr. Cofer discussed the operation of the machine and invited the members of the board to see the machine following the meeting.

Miss Maret invited members to attend the meeting of the Georgia legislature on March 16, 17 or 18 in behalf of public libraries. She read a letter from the Georgia Council Public Libraries. Priorities of funding had been established by the advisory committee of this organization. Each of the priorities was explained. She urged each of the board members to contact their representatives in relation to funding of public libraries. She said the Council had presented a bill for \$202.38 for dues for the library to be a member of the Council. Mr. Cofer suggested that the decision on the library's joining be turned over to the Executive Committee. This was approved by the board.

As a matter of information Miss Maret reported that in order to meet the minimum wage scale salaries for a number of employees of the library will have to be raised this month. The Executive Committee and the Personnel Committee will make a decision on all employees after a study of wages paid.

Mr. Cofer turned the meeting over to the new Chairman, Porter Kellam. There was no other business. Meeting adjourned. *Sarah E. Maret, Sec.*

Crawford, Georgia 30630
January 20 - 1976

Athens Regional Library
Athens, Georgia 30601

Dear Sir,

Please remove my name from
your list of Board Members as I
am, of this day, submitting my
resignation from the Agri. Co. Library
Board.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hilda S. Love
P.O. Box 500
Crawford, Ga 30630

January 15, 1976

The Clarke County Library Board held a short business meeting at the library following the regional board meeting on January 15, 1976.

Present were. Mr. Kellam, Mr. Cofer, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mr. Wier. Also present were the new board members, Mrs. Cabaniss, Mrs. Newland, Mr. Johnson and Dr. Reines.

Chairman Kellam called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members to the board.

The members were in agreement that the board should meet earlier in the afternoon and an earlier time was set up.

Miss Maret gave a brief summary of the October 30, 1975 board meeting.

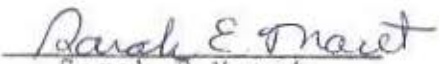
Mr. Kellam distributed a list of the Clarke County Board members giving the address, the telephone number and term of office of each member. He also gave a list of committee assignments of each member. A copy of this is attached to the minutes.

Miss Maret reported that Mrs. Salas was planning publicity for the new Visualtek machine which had been acquired by the library as a gift of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity at the University of Georgia.

Miss Maret reported that the bicycle racks which had been purchased a number of years ago had been installed in the yard near the parking lot, but that they have not been used thus far.

Mr. Kellam commended Mr. Cofer for the good job he had done as chairman of the board for the last two terms.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned.


Sarah E. Maret
Secretary

CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

1976

EXECUTIVE

W.P.Kellam, Chairman
Archie Patterson
Troutman Wilson
H.L.Cofer Ex-officio
Sarah Maret Ex-officio

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

H.L.Cofer, Chairman
Mervin Reines
John T.Hurley

FINANCE

Troutman Wilson, Chairman
Mrs. James Newland
Mrs. John J.Wilkins III

LIBRARY HANDBOOK

Archie Patterson, Chairman
H.L.Cofer
Sarah Maret

PERSONNEL

Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, Chairman
Farris T.Johnson
W.W.Wier
Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss Jr.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. J.B.Neighbors, Chairman
Mrs. John R.Biles
T.H.Milner, Jr.

CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

1976 1977

W. Porter Kellam, Chairman	399 Parkway Drive, Athens	543-4485	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1980
Archie Patterson, Vice-Chairman	520 Castalia, Athens	543-1906	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1978
Troutman Wilson, Treasurer	363 Glenwood, Athens	543-4510	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1979
Mrs. John R. Biles	1045 Athens Road, Winterville	742-8619	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1979
H. L. Cofer, Jr.	160 Hunnicutt Drive, Athens	548-4721	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1977
Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss	108 Valleywood Drive, Athens	543-4504	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1981
Jim Holland	Clarke County Court House, Athens	543-5238	Ex-officio	
John T. Hurley	237 North Church Street, Athens	543-3227	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1977
Farris T. Johnson	169 Winterville Road, Athens	543-3185	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1981
Mrs. F. H. Mendenhall	185 Woodland Way, Athens	543-7784	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1980
T. H. Milner, Jr.	First National Bank, Athens	546-1866	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1979
Mrs. J. B. Neighbors	290 Woodlawn Avenue, Athens	543-0701	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1977
Mrs. James Newland	109 Fortson Circle, Athens	543-3938	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1981
Mervin Reines	240 Bishop Drive, Athens	543-7187	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1978
W. W. Wier	Webb Crawford Co., Athens	549-4520	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1980
Mrs. J. J. Wilkins, III	111 Plum Nelly Road, Athens	543-1216	Co. Comm.	January 1, 1978

April 8, 1976

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Madison County Library in Danielsville on Thursday afternoon, April 8, 1976 at 3:30 o'clock.

Board members, Mrs. Calvin Langford and Mrs. Hiram Whitehead and staff member, Mrs. Grady Echols hosted a lovely social hour.

Following the social hour, Chairman Porter Kellam called the meeting to order.

Present were: Franklin County, Mrs. Roy McGarity; Oconee County, Mrs. Grady Oaks; Oglethorpe County, Mrs. Emmett Cabaniss and Miss Frances Durham; Clarke County, Mr. Porter Kellam, Mrs. John Biles, Mr. Farris Johnson and Mr. W.W. Wier; Madison County, Mrs. Calvin Langford and Mrs. Hiram Whitehead. Present from the library staff were Mrs. Grady Echols, Mrs. Kathryn Ames and Sarah Maret.

Chairman Kellam welcomed those in attendance and asked that they introduce themselves. He expressed sincere appreciation to the members of the Madison County Board and staff for lovely social hour.

Minutes of the January 15, 1976 Regional Library Board meeting were approved as read.

Chairman Kellam called for reports from representatives of the counties in the region. Mrs. Langford, Madison County Library Chairman reported that the County Commissioners had agreed to give an increase in funds to the library. Mrs. Whitehead reported that the Woman's Club had sold twenty copies of the Madison County History by Paul Tabor and that the library realized \$40.00 from this sale. Mr. Tabor had asked for no remuneration from the sale of his history. She said that there are more copies for sale if anyone wanted a copy.

A report on the history of the Madison County Library was given by Mrs. Echols. Mr. Kellam thanked Mrs. Echols for her excellent report.

Mrs. Biles reported for the Winterville Library. She said that Frank Watson had written a history of the city of Winterville. Title of the history is Winterville, Its Yesterdays. She said Winterville is getting a museum of the history of Winterville. A play, called Six-mile Station, is to be in production by the time of the Marigold Festival. Winterville was known as Six-mile Station. She reported they still owed about \$6,000 on their library building and that they hoped to realize enough funds from the Festival to reduce this debt considerably. Letters are being mailed to families asking for donations for the library fund. The Silver Haired Club is working on a bi-centennial quilt which will be auctioned during the Festival. The Board is also working on a quilt. An old book sale will be held during the festival, all of the proceeds going to the library. Two classes will hold reunions and they have been asked to give donations in honor or memory of their teachers. During the Festival Winterville will be hosting the Georgia Heritage Special, which is the bicentennial train. It will be in Winterville June 16-20. All were invited to come see the train. No

funds will be raised for the library from the train. Cost of admission to the train will be about \$1.00 for adults and .50¢ for children.

Mrs. Biles said they had hoped to have Lady Bird Johnson as the key note speaker for the Festival, but that they had no firm commitment from her.

Mrs. Biles reported that they are very proud of their library.

Mrs. McGarity reported for Franklin County. She said that craft classes are being held in the Royston Library. The Carnesville library has an interim librarian at present, and that the Lavonia Library has had a great deal of publicity during the last few months. She said they had been saddened very recently by the death of one of their faithful board members, Mrs. Ruth Tucker.

Mrs. Oaks, Oconee County, reported that their library is nearing completion and as soon as the library building is approved by the state, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held and service will be given from the new location.

Mrs. Cabaniss of Oglethorpe County congratulated Madison for their nice facility. She said that two histories of their county are available to the public. She said that several improvements have been made in their county library which is a store front library. She reported that their library had been painted and that carpet had been installed. She called attention to a new book which will be off the press in a short while. The book is Historic Mothers of Georgia, 1776-1976. She said it is a very attractive book and should make a valuable memorial gift. Cost of the book is about \$11.00. Mrs. Cabaniss invited the board to hold the next meeting at their library. Meeting to be held third Thursday in July.

The board accepted ^{the} invitation to meet in Oglethorpe County at Lexington.

Chairman Kellam reported that the dues to the Georgia Council of Public Libraries had been paid as the executive board felt that the work of the Council had been very effective. He gave a report on what had been done by the Council. This included the payment of the fourth quarter of M and O money, the recognition of libraries by the State School Superintendent by forming an advisory committee composed of public librarians, the invitation of library directors to a meeting in which the budget of the Department of Education as passed by the Legislature was discussed and the reinstatement of the vacation reading club funds for libraries.

Miss Maret reported that state allocations for public libraries had remained the same as last year with the exception of a 7% increase in salary for state paid personnel. She read a letter from Dr. Clark of the State Department of Education stating that a check for \$17,054 was inclosed. This is the library's share of federal funds for 1975-76. These funds have to be spent as budgeted and may not be spent for capital improvements. Funds may be carried over into the next fiscal year if not spent in the current year.

Mrs. Ames, Library Consultant reported on plans for the summer Vacation Reading Club. She said the theme to be carried out this summer in all of the libraries is Peter Pan. Decorations, publicity etc. will be centered on this theme. Films will be shown each month in each of the branch libraries. These films have been very popular in the past and a large audience is expected. If possible a Peter Pan film will be secured and shown.

Mr. Kellam read a letter from Delmas Wheeler asking that all board members join the Trustees Section of the Georgia Library Association. The chairman said that he planned to join and urged other board members to join with him.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Maret
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Secretary

May 20, 1976

The Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, May 20, 1976, at 4:30 o'clock.

After a short social hour with the staff members, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Porter Kellam.

Present were, W.W.Wier, Mrs. James Newland, Dr. Mervin Reines, Archie Patterson, Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Jr. Mrs. John J. Wilkins, III, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, and Chairman Porter Kellam. Also present were, Mrs. Clare Auwarter, Miss Annie Marie Pagano and Sarah Maret.

The Chairman called on Mrs. Auwarter for a report. Mrs. Auwarter reported on the plans for the Vacation Reading Club which will begin on June 4. The theme for the summer in all of the region is Peter Pan. She gave the details of how the club will operate. She asked Miss Pagano to report on the art work for the club.

Both of the staff members were thanked for the good work they had done. They were excused from the meeting.

As a matter of information, minutes of the Regional Board meeting, held on April 5 in Danielsville, were read. Minutes of the Clarke County Board meeting of January 15, 1976 were approved as read.

Mr. Kellam reported on the dinner held by the Board for the Director on May 11. He said that 118 persons had attended the dinner and that \$1116 was collected with \$669 expenses incurred. He asked that if anyone had other expenses to please report this to the treasurer for the dinner, Hal Cofer. Mr. Kellam thanked the Board members for what they had done to make this an enjoyable occasion.

Miss Maret expressed her appreciation for the dinner and gifts.

Mr. Kellam reported that he and Miss Maret had attended the budget hearing at the meeting of the County Commissioners and that they had been well received. An increase of funds from the County would allow up to 7% increase in salary for the staff. Miss Maret recommended that a study be made of the current salary scale and that raises be granted on the basis of length of service and duties performed. Mrs. Wilkins moved that the study be made and that raises be granted. Motion seconded by Mr. Wier. Motion carried. The salary would be effective on July 1. The Chairman said he would meet with Mrs. Mendenhall and Mr. Cofer to study salaries and determine amount to be given to each staff member.

Condition of the library grounds was discussed. Much work needs to be done on both the grounds and the fountain to improve the general appearance. It was pointed out that several trees need to have dead limbs removed. It was suggested that the fountain should run more than it now runs. The fountain needs to be cleaned before it is turned on.

Mrs. Wilkins reported that her family wished to donate a tree to the library grounds in honor of Mrs. Marjorie Wilkins Daugherty, a former Board Chairman. The ⁷⁰Board accepted her offer. Dr Reines said that he could furnish the tree. A ginko was suggested, but it was decided that Mrs. Daugherty would be consulted as to the kind of tree chosen. ^{3C}

Mr. Kellam reported on the planting of the "Moon Tree" which was one of the trees grown from seeds which the Apollo astronauts had taken to the moon.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Sarah E. Maret
Sarah E. Maret, Secretary

ATHENS REGIONAL LIBRARY BOARD

MINUTES

July 15, 1976

The regular quarterly meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held on July 15, 1976 at the Oglethorpe County Library in Lexington at 3:30 p.m. Present were: Oglethorpe County, Mrs. T. C. Brooks, Mrs. E. O. Cabaniss, Mrs. L. V. Chafin, Miss Frances Durham, Mr. Sidney Stephens, and Mrs. Mary B. Smith; Oconee County, Mrs. J. S. Ivy, Jr., Mrs. Mell Wells; Madison County, Mrs. Hiram Whitehead; Franklin County, none; Clarke County, Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Mr. Farris Johnson, Mrs. F. H. Mendenhall, Mrs. J. B. Neighbors, Mrs. James Newland, Mr. Mervin Reines, Mr. Archie Patterson, and Mr. W. P. Kellam, with Mrs. Lois Matthews representing Mrs. Joan Biles for Winterville. Mrs. Paul, the Oglethorpe County Librarian, was present.

After a social hour with refreshments provided by the host Oglethorpe County Board, Chairman W. P. Kellam called the meeting to order. Mrs. Brooks, Chairman of the Oglethorpe County Library Board, welcomed the regional board to Lexington for the meeting. Mr. Kellam introduced the new director, Miss Roxanna Austin, and asked Mrs. Brooks to present the members of the Oglethorpe County Board. Mrs. L. V. Chafin gave a brief history of the library, paying special tribute to the work done by Mrs. Prudence Marchman during her long tenure as librarian.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as read.

The remaining counties presented their members and reported on recent developments in the libraries in their counties. Mrs. Whitehead reported an active Vacation Reading Club in Madison County and a good circulation showing increased use of the library. Mrs. J. S. Ivy presented Mrs. Wells, a new member of the Oconee County Library Board, and reported a highly successful dedication program for the new library building in Watkinsville on May 23. She reported everyone is very happy in the new building and that it is being very well used, as shown by a circulation of 14,208 in June and an enrollment of 300 in the Vacation Reading Club. Mrs. Matthews reported a very active program in the Winterville Library with June circulation double that for the month of May. She reported a very successful Marigold Festival with over \$1,000.00 realized for the library from the sale of tickets on the quilt made by the Silver Haired Club. The book sale, which had been announced as part of the Festival originally, has been postponed.

Mr. Kellam introduced the Clarke County members and called on Miss Roxanna Austin to report. She reported a busy two weeks on the job where she has been learning a great deal. She expressed appreciation to the library board and the library staff for their welcome and to Miss Maret for all that has been done to smooth the way for a new director. She reported that Clarke County is having a very active reading club with more than 500 enrolled and more joining every day. The weekly story hour for the small children and the weekly film program continue to attract large audiences. The Library auditorium continues to attract many groups who meet there for varied purposes.

The Peter Pan theme for the Vacation Reading Club has attracted the interest of both children and adults, and the library is indebted to Miss Anna Marie Pagano, student assistant and art major at the University of Georgia, for the unusual mobiles and other decorations carrying out the theme. We are also indebted to the talented volunteers who contributed ideas and made decorations for the branch libraries.


The Fine free week held July 3-10 as a part of the Athens-Clarke County Bicentennial Celebration brought about the return of more than 1000 overdue books. More than 300 of these were more than 2 years overdue, with the longest overdue book returned having a date due of July 1948!

Miss Austin announced the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Auwarter on June 29. Mrs. Auwarter is the Children's Librarian for the library.

There was no old business. Mr. Kellam called for new business and asked Miss Austin to present the proposed regional library budget for approval. Following a brief period for explanations and questions, on motion of Mrs. Mendenhall the budget was approved as presented.

Mr. Kellam then asked Miss Austin to read a letter from Franklin County Board members expressing appreciation for the gift book placed in the county library in memory of their late chairman, Mrs. Ruth Tucker.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
Clarke County Library Board
September 23, 1976

The regular quarterly meeting of the Clarke County Library Board was held September 23, 1976 in the auditorium of the Athens Regional Library with the following members present: Mr. Kellam - Chairman, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Milner, Mr. Reines, Mr. Weir, Mrs. Cabaniss, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland and Mrs. Wilkins. After a brief social hour during which they met members of the Library staff, Chairman Kellam called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Mrs. Patricia Salas, librarian for the Talking Books Center, was introduced and presented a report on the first year of operation of the Talking Books Center. It revealed a great deal of developmental work including identification of potential users, work with local organizations, locating volunteers and beginning service to readers. The optacon scanner, a gift of a local fraternity, was displayed and its use explained.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Mr. Kellam reported that he had discussed the problem of the elm trees with the dead limbs which overhang the parking lot with the two foresters on the Board. Their recommendation was to remove the trees and replace them because they are infected with the Dutch Elm disease and it is unlikely they can be saved. Following discussion, Mrs. Mendenhall moved that the diseased trees be removed and replaced with new trees to be selected by the grounds committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Neighbors commented on the need for proper publicity before the trees are removed to avoid unwarranted criticism. Dr. Reines and Mr. Cofer will ask the County or City to arrange for a crew to remove the trees.

Mrs. Wilkins asked the grounds committee to save a spot for the tree honoring Mrs. Dougherty.

Mrs. Wilkins moved that the grounds committee consider adding two parking spaces instead of replacing the trees in the areas which extend into the parking lot. The motion carried.

Mr. Patterson reported that the committee to prepare a personnel handbook is working on a draft which he submitted. He expects the committee to meet soon for discussion of the proposals.

Mr. Kellam called on Mr. Patterson for a report from the special social function committee which he had appointed. Mr. Patterson reported that arrangements have been made for the Clarke County Board to honor the new Director at a dinner on October 21 to which members of the Board and their spouses are invited. This will be held at the Georgia Center and invitations

have been extended to the Mayor of Athens, the newspaper publisher, the County Commission Chairman and other local dignitaries. In addition, they will hold a reception for her on Sunday, October 24 which will be open to the public. They will invite the local boards of all other counties in the region as special guests.

Mrs. Neighbors was asked to plan publicity for the reception as well as the trees.

Miss Austin presented the Director's report. The July News Notes were distributed and she called attention to highlights from it, particularly circulation figures and the activities in the Library for the month.

She reported on the meeting of the Georgia Council of Public Libraries on September 15 and the meeting of Public Library Directors called by Mr. Thaxton on September 16 and 17. The Georgia Council of Public Libraries held a small reception following its meeting which honored five recently retired Public Library Directors including Miss Sarah Maret.

The Directors meeting dealt with details of planning and reporting on programs. Information was distributed to help in preparation for four workshops on federal funds to be held in October. It was announced that the White House Conference on libraries will be held, but no date has been set. The Georgia Library Association will sponsor a Georgia conference prior to the White House Conference. Miss Cole, of the Georgia Department of Education, will chair the steering committee making plans for it.

Proposed travel plans include the Gainesville workshop on federal funds on October 5 for Mrs. Ames and Miss Austin, the quarterly conference of Talking Books Librarians for Mrs. Salas on October 8, and attendance at the Southeastern Library Association Conference in Knoxville by Mrs. Ames, Miss Austin and Mrs. Kemppinen on November 3, 4, and 5.

The Regional Library's allotment of Federal funds for the transition quarter for FY '76 was larger than expected, amounting to \$7,574.00, slightly more than \$3,000 above the expected amount. A budget has been prepared and approved by the Department of Education to continue the FY '76 program which deals with improving existing services and early childhood programs. This budget will provide some assistance for the Talking Books Center.

Miss Austin reported that three part-time assistants have resigned - two to return to school and one to accompany her husband on an out-of-town assignment. Mrs. Auwarter, children's librarian, has asked to be placed on half-time until her husband is re-located, probably January 1, 1977, when she will resign. Miss Austin recommended the consolidation of two part-time positions to provide one full-time professional position. She recommended approval of the employment of Mrs. Diane Williams as part-time typist-secretary, Cleo Sims as part-time maid

and Mrs. Susanna Nicholson as part-time library assistant. She also recommended that Mrs. Laura Ludwig be placed on the state salary presently assigned to Mrs. Auwarter and that she begin recruitment of a professionally qualified children's librarian.

Mrs. Mendenhall moved the acceptance of these recommendations as the report of the personnel committee. She explained that the committee had discussed them and was in agreement with the proposals. After discussion, which included favorable comments on the appearance of the building and grounds, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roxanna Austin", written in dark ink.

Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
Athens Regional Library Board
October 21, 1976

The regular meeting of the Athens Regional Library Board was held on Thursday, October 21, 1976 at 4:00 PM at the Athens Regional Library. Present were: Mr. Kellam, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Harvey Cabaniss, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland, Dr. Reines, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Paul Adair (Franklin County), Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Jr. (Oconee County), Mrs. Herbert Callaway (Oglethorpe County) and Mrs. Frances Lester (Winterville).

Mr. Kellam called the meeting to order and welcomed the Board.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as read.

Mrs. Adair reported for Franklin County pointing out good attendance at the quarterly County Library Board meeting. She reported excellent participation in the vacation reading club in all three Franklin County branches. Mrs. Mary Sewell is the new librarian in Carnesville.

Mrs. Ivy reported for Oconee County that over \$5,000 is the anticipated profit from the Fall Festival. She thanked all those who had come to the festival and those who had participated in it. She reported that Mr. Berry (the County Commissioner) has indicated that he will recommend that the Commission collect no further money for the construction loan and that he foresees no hindrance to favorable action. If the Commission takes this action, profits from the festival will be used to benefit both the Watkinsville and the Bogart libraries. She reported that the Watkinsville library has received a grant of \$1,000 from Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy, Sr. Mrs. Ivy has worked with Mrs. Ames and orders have been placed for the full amount of the grant, with many of the books already received. Another grant reported by Mrs. Ivy is a special grant of \$5,000 by Governor Busbee from his emergency fund. This money is restricted to the purchase of furniture and equipment for the library building. The regional Director, the library consultant and Mrs. Ivy, chairman of the Oconee County Board, have made plans for the use of this money. Mrs. Ivy also reported that a Friends of the Library group has been organized to continue to work for the support of the Oconee County libraries.

Mrs. Callaway reported for Oglethorpe County. They are very proud of the fact that the library has been air-conditioned since the Regional Library Board met in Lexington in July.

Mrs. Lester reported for Winterville that profits from the Marigold Festival netted \$500 for the library restoration fund. This plus the \$1,000 realized from the quilt contributed by the Silver Haired Club plus other profits from the festival will go to reduce the debt on the building. Because their vacation reading club members were so active there was a special challenge to readers and 27 of the 67 registered read forty or more books. This was celebrated by a party with pictures in the Athens Observer.

Miss Austin presented the Director's report, calling attention to circulation figures and other items from the August and September News Notes. These showed a 90% increase in circulation over August 1975 in Watkinsville, a 56% increase in Oglethorpe County, a 57% increase in Franklin County and an over-all increase for the region of 32% over August 1975. Beginning in September 1976, the News Notes will carry statistics showing the work of the Talking Books Center. Miss Austin announced that the federal funds for the transition quarter of fiscal 1976 are larger than expected, \$7,574 instead of the \$4,162.50 which is one-fourth of the federal funds received for the regular FY '76. A budget to continue the programs previously funded under this program, improving existing services and early childhood education, has been approved by the Department of Education and the money has been received. She reported that the quarterly meeting of Public Library Directors called by Mr. Thaxton on September 16 and 17 was given over to discussion of reporting, requisitioning funds, etc. under the new plan of the State Department of Education for a grants management section. Information was distributed for librarians to use in planning for a workshop on planning projects and applying for federal funds for fiscal 1977. A major change in regulations permits libraries to have only one project and to address only one of the priorities set for the use of federal funds. Mr. Thaxton announced that the planned and postponed White House Conference on libraries will be held before September 1978. The Georgia Library Association and the Public Library Division are planning a state conference prior to the White House Conference. Miss Elizabeth Cole of the state staff is chairman of the steering committee.

The Georgia Council of Public Libraries held a business meeting Wednesday afternoon, September 15, prior to the Director's meeting. They were told that the priorities recommended by Mr. Nix for public libraries are reflected in the budget proposed to the State Department of Education at its September meeting. After the business meeting, the Council honored five recently retired Directors of Georgia public libraries at a small reception. Those honored were: Miss Sarah Maret, Miss Jean Cochran, Miss Geraldine LeMay, Miss Edith Foster and Mrs. Anna Schinkel.

Miss Austin announced plans for observing Book Week,

November 7 - 13, which include having the staff dress in storybook costumes on Tuesday for the Story Hour and a puppet show in the Auditorium on November 13. She also announced plans for a demonstration of making Christmas decorations by Betty Williams on November 10, 1976.

Staff changes resulting from college students returning to school were announced. Miss Austin announced that Mrs. Auwarter has returned to work on a half-time basis and will resign when her husband accepts a position outside of the state, probably around the first of January 1977. A full-time, professionally trained children's librarian is being recruited.

Miss Austin presented the proposed plan for the use of federal funds for 1977. She could not present a budget because the exact amount of the grant is not yet certain but the State Department of Education and the regional office of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare have assured us that it will be no less than the \$17,054 the library received in 1976. The proposal is to relocate the Talking Books Center in more appropriate space outside the library building using federal funds for rental, purchase of equipment, shelving and minor remodeling and operating costs not met in their regular budget for a period of one year. The property recommended is part of the Ivy Building property facing Dougherty Street, which was formerly occupied by the Dependable Car Leasing Company.

There followed a discussion during which Mr. Milner pointed out the importance of affirmative action in serving all races in this program. Mr. Milner moved that the Board approve the proposal as presented. Several people seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Kellam reminded the Board of the reception for the Director on Sunday, October 24. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.



Roxanna Austin, Secretary

MINUTES
Clarke County Library Board
October 21, 1976

The quarterly meeting of the Clarke County Library Board was called to order immediately following the adjournment of the Athens Regional Library Board at 5:45 PM on Thursday, October 21, 1976. Present were: Mr. Kellam, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Reines, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Milner, Mrs. Cabaniss, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Neighbors, Mrs. Newland and Mrs. Wilkins.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Kellam called for committee reports. Dr. Reines reported that he and Mr. Cofer and Mr. Patterson are working with the county to have the diseased elm trees removed. Dr. Reines has trees to replace them. They are trying to get the work done free of charge and plans are not yet complete. Mr. Milner suggested a man who cut a tree for Mr. Wilson if the committee cannot get the work done free. Other members suggested firemen who do this kind of work in their off-duty hours.

Mr. Patterson reported that members of the personnel handbook committee are studying his draft and hope to have something to recommend at the winter quarter meeting.

Plans were reviewed for the reception for the Director to be held on Sunday, October 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.



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